# OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY CHARLES PARKIN, City Attorney 411 West Ocean Boulevard, 9th Floor Long Beach. CA 90802-4511

#### ORDINANCE NO. ORD-21-0031

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH APPROVING RESOLUTION NO. WD-1441, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS ESTABLISHING THE RATES AND CHARGES TO BE CHARGED FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF, AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT AT 12:01 A.M. ON OCTOBER 1, 2021

The City Council of the City of Long Beach ordains as follows:

Section 1. That Resolution No. WD-1441 of the Board of Water
Commissioners of the City of Long Beach, entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF
LONG BEACH BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS AMENDING RESOLUTION NO.
WD-1429 FIXING RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE TO
ALL CUSTOMERS, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL BY
ORDINANCE," adopted by said Board on June 24, 2021, and the rates fixed in the
Resolution to be charged for water and sewer service are hereby approved.

Section 2. This is an emergency measure and is urgently required for the reason that in order to carry on the affairs, functions and business of the Long Beach Water Department during the fiscal year which begins on October 1, 2021, it is necessary to authorize the rates and charges for water and sewer service and that this ordinance be passed as an emergency measure, to take effect at 12:01 a.m. on October 1, 2021.

Section 3. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, sum, percentage, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be

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unconstitutional, invalid or void, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance, and every section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, sum, percentage, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, sentences, sums, percentages, clauses or phrases thereof is declared unconstitutional, invalid or void.

Section 4. This ordinance is an emergency ordinance duly adopted by the City Council by a vote of five of its members and shall take effect immediately. The City Clerk shall certify to a separate roll call and vote on the question of the emergency of this ordinance and to its passage by the vote of five members of the City Council of the City of Long Beach, and cause the same to be posted in three conspicuous places in the City of Long Beach, and it shall thereupon take effect and shall be operative on and after 12:01 a.m. on October 1, 2021.

I hereby certify that on a separate roll call and vote which was taken by the City Council of the City of Long Beach upon the questions of the emergency of this September 7 , 2021, the ordinance was declared ordinance at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_ to be an emergency by the following vote:

Councilmembers:

Zendejas, Allen, Price, Supernaw,

	-		Mungo, Saro, Uranga, Austin, Richardson.
	Noes:	Councilmembers:	None.
	Absent:	Councilmembers:	None.
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Ayes:

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by the following	vote:	
Ayes:	Councilmembers:	Zendejas, Allen, Price, Supernaw, Mungo,
·		Saro, Uranga, Austin, Richardson.
Noes:	Councilmembers:	None.
Absent:	Councilmembers:	None.
		egoing ordinance was thereafter adopted on  Long Beach at its meeting of
2021, by the follo	owing vote:	
Ayes:	Councilmembers:	
Noes:	Councilmembers:	
Absent:	Councilmembers:	
·		M. De J. Kon City Clerk
Approved:	6/4/2/	Mayor

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#### **RESOLUTION NO. WD-1441A**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. WD-1429 FIXING RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE TO ALL CUSTOMERS, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL BY ORDINANCE

The Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Long Beach resolves as follows:

Section 1. That the following rates and charges for potable and reclaimed water service and for sewer service are hereby established, and the Long Beach Water Department ("Water Department") of the City of Long Beach ("City") is hereby authorized and directed to charge and collect the same in accordance with the provisions of this resolution, subject to a Public Hearing. All of the following rates and charges shall be effective as of October 1, 2021.

Section 2. For all metered services the charge for potable and reclaimed water shall consist of both a service charge based on the size of the service and a quantitative charge for water delivered.

#### A. The service charge shall be as follows:

1. Single family residential, duplex residential, and multifamily residential customers of potable water who have been granted an exemption from the City's Utility Users Tax in accordance with Chapter 3.68 of the Long Beach Municipal Code shall receive a monthly service charge bill credit of approximately Five Dollars (\$5,00) and the service charge rates shall be as follows:

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Size of Service	Daily Service Charge
5/8 or 3/4 inch	\$0.752
1 inch	\$1.115
1-1/2 inch	\$2.023
2 inch	\$3.113
3 inch	\$6.561
4 inch	\$11.094
6 inch	\$24.704
8 inch	\$51.013
10 inch	\$76.415
12 inch	\$96.373
16 inch	\$141.732

2. For commercial, industrial, irrigation, City of Long Beach Department, reclaimed, single family residential, duplex residential, and multi-family residential customers who have not been granted an exemption from the City's Utility Users Tax in accordance with Chapter 3.68 of the Long Beach Municipal Code the service charge rates shall be as follows:

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18	Size of Service	Daily Service Charge
19	5/8-or-3/4-inch	-\$0.752
20	1 inch	\$1.115
21	1-1/2 inch	\$2.023
22	2 inch	\$3.113
23	3 inch	\$6.561
24	4 inch	\$11.094
25	6 inch	\$24.704
26	8 inch	\$51.013
27	10 inch	<b>\$76.415</b>
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- B. The quantitative charge for all water delivered shall be as follows, based on monthly meter readings:
- 1. For single family residential, duplex residential, and multi-family residential customers of potable water who have been granted an exemption from the City's Utility Users Tax in accordance with Chapter 3.68 of the Long Beach Municipal Code:

Tier IA	First 6 Billing Units (or fraction thereof)	\$0.000
Tier II	Next 7 Billing Units (or fraction thereof)	\$5.036
Tier III	Over 13 Billing Units (or fraction thereof)	\$7.349

2. For single family residential, duplex residential, and multi-family residential customers of potable water who have not been granted an exemption from the City's Utility Users Tax:

Tier IB	First 6 Billing Units (or fraction thereof)	\$2.631
Tier II	Next 7 Billing Units (or fraction thereof)	\$5.036
Tier III	Over 13 Billing Units (or fraction thereof)	\$7.349

- 3. For commercial customers of potable water, \$3.913 per billing unit, or fraction thereof.
- 4. For industrial customers of potable water, \$3.913 per billing unit, or fraction thereof.

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	5.	For	irrigation	customers	of	potable	water,	\$3.913	pe
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- 6. For City of Long Beach Departments using potable water, \$3.913 per billing unit, or fraction thereof.
- 7. For reclaimed water users whose use is "peaking" as defined herein, \$2.544 per billing unit, or fraction thereof.
- 8. For reclaimed water users whose use is "non-peaking" as defined herein, \$2.160 per billing unit, or fraction thereof.
- 9. For reclaimed water users whose use is "interruptible" as defined herein, \$2.160 per billing unit or fraction thereof.
- 10. These quantitative charges shall be subject to adjustment as provided in Section 4 of this Section.
- There shall be no charge for water used through fire 11. hydrants for extinguishing fires.

Section 3.

A. Unmetered water service may be rendered to unoccupied or occupied property where it is not practical to meter the water, and the rate for unmetered water service shall be:

Size of Service	Daily Rate
5/8 or 3/4 inch	\$3.267
1 inch	\$5.527
1-1/2 inch	\$13.616
2 inch	\$21.420

B. The rates for unmetered water service shall begin on the date of use of water by the customer, as determined by the General Manager of the Water Department ("General Manager").

Section 4. By Resolution the Board of Water Commissioners has established a Water Conservation and Water Supply Shortage Plan (the Plan). Pursuant

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to the Plan, the Board may declare that a Stage 1, Stage 2 or Stage 3 Water Supply Shortage exists, in its sole discretion. Upon such declaration, the Board may increase water rates, by an amount necessary, as determined by the Board but not to exceed the following percentages:

Stage 1 Water Supply Shortage Rate. Water rates may be increased by an amount not to exceed 10% above the pre-shortage rate.

Stage 2 Water Supply Shortage Rate. Water rates may be increased by an amount not to exceed 25% above the pre-shortage rate.

Stage 3 Water Supply Shortage Rate. Water rates may be increased by an amount not to exceed 50% above the pre-shortage rate.

Section 5. Charges for water service through meters at temporary service connections from fire hydrants or otherwise shall be at the applicable quantitative charge plus the meter rental fee, together with a charge for installing, relocating, and removing the meter and fittings in accordance with the "Rules, Regulations and Charges Governing Potable Water, Reclaimed Water, Sewer Service and the Emergency Water Conservation Plan" of the Water Department.

Section 6.

A. The service charge for private fire protection service shall be in accordance with the following table:

20	Size of Service	Daily Rate
21	2 inch	\$0.445
22	3 inch	\$0.895
23	4 inch	\$1.674
24	6 inch	\$4.459
25	8 inch	\$9.266
26	10 inch	\$16.498
27	12 inch	\$26.519
28	16 inch	\$56.278

The service charges in this Section shall only include water used for fire extinguishing purposes and a reasonable amount of water used for testing the fire line.

B. Whenever the Water Department finds that water through a private fire protection service is being used for purposes other than fire extinguishing or testing the fire line, the General Manager may make a determination of the quantity of water used, the quantitative charges for that water, and the service charges to be applied. The General Manager's determination shall be final. In addition, if water through a private fire protection service is used for purposes other than fire extinguishing or testing the fire line, the Water Department may discontinue the private fire protection service or may install a domestic or fire flow meter, at either the customer's or its expense as the General Manager may determine, and thereafter the service shall be classified as regular service and billed at the rates applicable thereto.

Section 7. The primary purpose of fire hydrants is extinguishing fires and they shall be opened and used only by the Water Department or the Long Beach Fire Department, or such other persons as may be authorized to do so by the General Manager or the Chief of the Fire Department. Where fire hydrants are installed and maintained by the Water Department, there shall be no standby charge made to the Fire Department.

Section 8.

- A. For all sewer service where the sewer lateral connects to a main line maintained by the Water Department, or the sewer lateral is located in the public right-of-way, the charge for sewer service shall consist of both a daily sewer rate and a volumetric sewer rate.
- B. The daily sewer rate shall be in accordance with the following table:

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Size of Service	Daily Sewer Rate
5/8 or 3/4 inch	\$0.248
1 inch	\$0.366
1-1/2 inch	\$0.961
2 inch	\$1.658
3 inch	\$3.862
4 inch	\$5.587
6 inch	\$15.565
8 inch	\$16.499
10 inch	\$25.540
12 inch	\$32.212
16 inch	\$47.376

C. The volumetric sewer rate shall be \$0.393 per 100 cubic feet of water furnished where water service size is 5/8 inches or larger. The volumetric sewer rate shall not be applicable to fire services.

Industrial customers may apply for separately metered sewer discharge in accordance with the "Rules, Regulations and Charges Governing Potable Water, Reclaimed Water, Sewer Service, and the Water Conservation and Water Supply Shortage Plan" of the Water Department.

D. For volumetric sewer rates, there are the following customer classifications: single family residential; duplex residential; multi-family residential; City Departments; commercial; and industrial.

Volumetric sewer rates for single family residential, duplex residential and multi-family residential shall be computed based on the average of actual potable water use during the winter billing periods. The winter billing periods used will be determined by the meter reading schedule

for the account. The actual winter usage is divided by the number of winter days to obtain an average volume. The average volume will be the base volume on which the volumetric sewer rate is charged for the next twelve month period beginning with May's billing periods. Each year, the average volume will be recalculated for the succeeding twelve-month period. Exceptions to the above calculation methodology will use the average volume for the water service size in which the customer falls as the average volume or a calculation using available usage information for the account. For those residential customers with no previous history of use during the winter billing periods, the average volume for the water service size in which the customer falls will be used.

E. For all users of the sewer system that do not receive a water bill from the City but where the user's sewer lateral connects to a main line maintained by the Water Department, or where the sewer lateral is located in the public right-of-way, the charge for sewer service shall consist of both a daily sewer rate and a volumetric sewer rate. The daily sewer rate shall be as provided in Subsection 8(B) of this Resolution. For these customers, the volumetric sewer rate shall be based on the average volume for the customer's water service size.

F. The City shall collect from all developments and all developments shall be required to pay a capacity charge of One Hundred and Nine Dollars and Sixteen Cents (\$109.16) per equivalent fixture unit at the time application for sewer service is made, but in no event later than the time that the City issues a sewer permit for connection to the City sewage system, as set forth in the Long Beach Municipal Code and the "Rules, Regulations and Charges Governing Potable Water, Reclaimed Water, Sewer Service and the Emergency Water Conservation Plan" of the Water Department

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G. Upon receipt of an application for sewer service, the City's Department of Development Services (through the Plan Checker for Plumbing) shall calculate the amount of the capacity charge by: 1) determining if this resolution applies to the development; and 2) if this resolution does not apply, indicating same on the application for sewer service and the reason this resolution does not apply, and processing the application in accordance with ordinances, resolutions, and regulations; or 3) if this resolution does apply, determining the number of equivalent fixture units in the development and multiplying that number by the capacity charge per equivalent fixture unit.

Η. The sewer capacity charge shall be subject to annual adjustment, effective October 1 of each year, to reflect the increase of the Construction Cost Index ("CCI") for Los Angeles as published in the "Engineering News-Record". The increase shall be calculated each September by dividing the CCI published in August of the current calendar year by the CCI published in August of the preceding calendar year; that figure multiplied by the sewer capacity charge in effect in October shall be the new sewer capacity charge. No adjustment shall be made to reflect a decrease in the CCI.

- Funds derived from capacity charges shall be placed in the Sewer Fund and shall be used only for the operation, construction, reconstruction, acquisition, or maintenance of the City sewage system.
- J. Anyone who has paid a capacity charge may apply for a full or partial refund if within one year after payment: 1) the applicant has not been permitted to connect to the City sewage system; or 2) the development on which the capacity charge was calculated has been modified pursuant to applicable City ordinances, resolutions, or regulations, resulting from a reduction in the number of equivalent fixture units. Refund applications shall

K. Anyone subject to a capacity charge who constructs, deposits money into escrow with the City for the construction of, participates in an assessment district for the construction of, or otherwise contributes money or improvements to the City for the operation, construction, reconstruction, acquisition, or maintenance of the City sewage system shall be eligible for a credit for such contribution against the capacity charge otherwise due. The amount of the credit shall be the value of the contribution as determined by the City provided, however, that the credit shall not exceed ninety percent (90%) of the amount of the capacity charge. Applications for said credit shall be made on forms provided by the City and shall be submitted at or before the time of application for sewer service. The application shall contain a declaration under oath of those facts, along with relevant documentary evidence, which qualify the applicant for the credit.

- L. The capacity charge and requirements pertaining thereto shall not affect in any way the permissible use of property, density of development, design and improvement standards, public improvement requirements, or any other aspect of the development of land or construction of buildings which may be imposed by the City pursuant to the Long Beach Municipal Code, Subdivision Regulations, or other state or local laws, ordinances or regulations which shall be in effect with respect to all developments.
- M. The capacity charge is a charge on development that reflects a development's proportionate share of the present depreciated value of the existing City sewage system. As such the capacity charge is additional to and not in substitution of the following: 1) on-site sewer facility requirements

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imposed by the City pursuant to the Long Beach Municipal Code, Subdivision Regulations, and other state or local laws, ordinances or regulations; 2) sewer permit fees; 3) connection charges; 4) sewer rates; and 5) other fees, rates, and charges including but not limited to sewer standby or immediate availability charges and capital facilities charges for services or facilities other than as a proportionate share of the present depreciated value of the existing City sewer system. In no event shall an applicant for sewer service by obligated to pay fees, rates, or charges in excess of those calculated pursuant to applicable City ordinances, which shall not individually or collectively exceed the reasonable cost of providing sewer service to the development.

Section 9. Any term not defined herein which is defined in the Long Beach Municipal Code or in the "Rules, Regulations and Charges Governing Potable Water, Reclaimed Water, Sewer Service, and the Emergency Water Conservation Plan" of the Water Department shall have the meaning stated therein.

#### Section 10.

- Α. Regular bills for water service and sewer service shall be issued at intervals of approximately one month (commonly called "monthly") except in those cases where the General Manager or the Board of Water Commissioners shall prescribe another billing interval. Insofar as practical, meters shall be read at regular intervals for the preparation of regular bills, and meters shall be read as required for the preparation of opening, closing, and special bills.
- B. Every water customer and every sewer customer shall be liable for payment of bills for water service and sewer service. Charges for water service and sewer service shall be included in municipal utility bills.
- C. Anyone who has been granted an exemption under Chapter 3.68 of the Long Beach Municipal Code as of the date of this resolution does

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Charges Governing Potable Water, Reclaimed Water, Sewer Service, and the Emergency Water Conservation Plan" of the Water Department shall be followed. 6 Section 12. The following words shall have the meanings defined as follows: 8

is guestioned by a customer, the procedures established in the "Rules, Regulations and

Section 11. Whenever the correctness of any bill for water or sewer service

not need to file a separate application for exemption hereunder.

- Α. "Billing unit" means one hundred (100) cubic feet of water and equals 748 gallons;
- В. "Commercial" refers to activities devoted primarily to business. property management, or a profession;
- C. "Industrial" refers to activities devoted primarily to manufacturing or processing:
- D. "Interruptible" refers to reclaimed water service that can be suspended at any time at the Board's discretion, without liability and dependent upon the Water Department's reclaimed water system needs for such service.
- E. "Non-peaking" means total average daily demand occurring at a continuous, constant level over a twenty-four (24) hour period;
- F. "Peaking" means total average daily demand occurring between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- G. "Winter billing period" means the time period used for sewer volumetric calculation purposes, which includes bills with a bill prepared date in December, January, February, or March.

Section 13. All other resolutions of the Board of Water Commissioners, or provisions thereof, which conflict with this resolution are hereby rescinded. The charges, conditions, and provisions established in this Resolution shall supersede all others previously established.

#### Attachment 1

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Section 14. The Secretary of the Board of Water Commissioners shall certify to the passage of this resolution and it shall take effect by operation of law following its approval by the City Council by ordinance.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Long Beach at its meeting held on June 24, 2021, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Commissioners:

ROBERT SHANNON;

GLORIA CORDERO; NAOMI RAINEY;

FRANK MARTINEZ

Noes:

Commissioners:

Absent:

Commissioners:

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CERTIFIED AS A TRUE AND CONNECT COPY

DECLITIVE ASSISTANT TO THE SOURD OF WATER COMMISSIONE CUTY OF TOING, REACH, CALIFORNIA

Secretary

**Board of Water Commissioners** 

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AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

STATE OF CALIFORNIA ) ss COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES )

CITY OF LONG BEACH

Tamela Austin being duly sworn says: That I am employed in the Office of the City Clerk

of the City of Long Beach; that on the 8th day of September, 2021, I posted three true

and correct copies of Emergency Ordinance No. ORD-21-0031 in three conspicuous

places in the City of Long Beach, to wit: One of said copies in the lobby of Civic

Chambers; one of said copies in the Main Library; and one of said copies on the front

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counter of the Office of the City Clerk.

Subscribed and sworn to before me

This 8th day of September 2021.

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